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The 1979 annual meeting of the Bibliographical Society of Canada will be held at the University of Ottawa, under the auspices of the Centre de recherche en civilisation canadienne-française, and with the generous assistance of the University of Ottawa Library.

The all-day meeting will be devoted to the subject of descriptive bibliography. During the morning session speakers will examine various theoretical aspects of descriptive bibliography: its definition; its function; its relationship with historic, analytic and textual bibliography; and its necessary educational pre-requisites. The afternoon session will be concerned with practical considerations of descriptive bibliography, as speakers outline relevant sources of information and the problems involved with the description of specific types of material. The evening session, following the Society's business meeting, will include the presentation of the Tremaine Medal and conclude with two key papers on the bibliography of the works of François-Xavier Garneau.

NOTE: it is recommended that annual meeting participants use the University of Ottawa cafeteria for luncheon because of the limited time available and the tight programme schedule.

PROGRAMME: 9:00 Opening address - welcome to the meeting; Descriptive bibliography, its definition and function (Dr. Roy Stokes); Education for descriptive bibliography (Mr. Richard Landon); Historical bibliography (Mr. John Wiseman); Analytical bibliography (Mr. Desmond Neill); Textual bibliography (Dr. Elizabeth Brady).

14:00 Sources of evidence for the compilation of descriptive bibliography (Miss Liana Van der Bellen); Les débuts de l'estampe au Québec (Mrs. Louise Dussault-Letocha); Type, paper and bindings in Ontario 19th century publications (Professor Patricia Fleming); Sources for the study of 19th century Toronto book trade (Miss Elizabeth Hulse); Twentieth century Canadian publishing and private press publications (Mr. David Kotin); Problèmes de recherche en cartographie historique (Mr. Jean-Marc Garant).

19:30 Business meeting; Aspects bibliographiques de l'oeuvre de François-Xavier Garneau (Dr. Paul Wyczynski); Bibliographical aspects of Bell's translation of Garneau's "Histoire du Canada" (Mr. William F. E. Morley).



A detailed, annotated programme will be available at the meeting. Various displays are being planned for the meeting. Copies of the extensive exhibition catalogue on François-Xavier Garneau, prepared by Dr. Wyczynski in 1977, have been made available for distribution at the meeting through the generosity of the National Library of Canada.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION about the meeting, contact Peter E. Greig, BSC Annual Meeting Coordinator, 402-235 Bay Street, Ottawa (ON) K1R 5Z2 - (613) 233-6391 (home); (613) 995-3364 (office).

ACCOMMODATION at the University of Ottawa may be arranged by contacting: Mr. Gilbert Caron, Convention Office, University of Ottawa, 648 King Edward Ave., Ottawa (ON) K1M 6N5 - (613) 231-7055. Student rates are \$6.50 for both single and shared accommodation; non-student rates are \$12.00 for a single room and \$18.00 for a double room.

#### Tremaine Medal for 1979

Dr. Reginald Eyre Watters was the unanimous choice of the Council as the recipient of the 1979 Tremaine Medal. Dr. Watters, whose work, A Checklist of Canadian Literature and Background Materials 1628-1960, recently published in a second, revised and enlarged edition, has been a standard reference work in Canadian libraries, publishing houses and antiquarian book dealers' establishments since it was first published in 1959. Dr. Watters plans to attend the Annual Meeting in June.

#### Publications

Elizabeth Hulse, editor of the Papers, has announced that the proposed publication date of the regular Papers will be in June, and that of the Colloquium proceedings will be in the fall of 1979.

#### Obituaries

Members of the Bibliographical Society of Canada have been saddened by the recent deaths of four of its members: Bernard Amtmann, Willard E. Ireland, Grace Sheldon Lewis, and Beverly Sandover-Sly.

Dr. John Archer, Professor of Western History at the University of Regina, and a close personal friend of Bernard Amtmann, very kindly sent a warm tribute to the man who did so much for the study and retention of Canadiana. Part of Dr. Archer's tribute, reads as follows:

Bernard Amtmann died on January 9, 1979. With his passing came the end of one of the most remarkable careers of a so-called "common" man. He was born in 1907 in distant Austria and came to Canada in 1947 to begin a new career, knowing few people and owning very little wealth. At his death he was considered by many to be the outstanding authority on Canadiana --both French and English--and an expert appraiser of library collections. During his years in Canada he cajoled and coaxed Canadians to pay heed to their cultural heritage. He scolded librarians and archivists for their lack of concern for the papers of the country's leading personalities.



Governments did not escape his censure. Through Montreal Book Auctions, a concern owned and operated by himself, he gave the country a new understanding of the monetary value of papers, pamphlets, books and objects associated with the history of Canada.

Dr. Archer's tribute includes the text of the citation with which he presented Bernard Amtmann for the degree of Doctor of Laws, honoris causa from the then Regina Campus of the University of Saskatchewan in May, 1974. Following an account of Amtmann's early life and his experiences during World War Two, the citation discusses Amtmann's contribution to his newly adopted country, Canada:

Bernard Amtmann started a small antiquarian bookselling business in Ottawa on a capital of \$40.00. It was a bare living. In 1950 he moved to Montreal and began to specialize in Canadiana. The quality of his catalogues and the scholarly research that went into his publications earned him the respect and support of librarians, collectors, and scholars in Canada and abroad. His name and his firm, Bernard Amtmann, Incorporated, became household words. He expanded his field of interests to rare books and modern first editions, founding the firm of Laurie-Hill Limited. He entered the book auction business and is the sole owner and proprietor of Montreal Book Auctions.

Bernard Amtmann is the greatest authority on Canadiana that our country affords. But his interests are not confined to the business of buying and selling. His avowed purpose is to stimulate Canadians to preserve their cultural heritage and to appreciate their history. More than any other bookman, he appreciates that pamphlets, flyers, broadsides, reports, ephemera, are part of that history and heritage. He founded the Canadian Antiquarian Booksellers Association in 1966--and it held its fifth annual book fair in Toronto a few days ago. He attempted to organize a world-wide international society of book lovers; he attempted to found an Erasmus Circle for friends of the book; he worked to better the liaison between book dealers and librarians. These were not all successes--but, undaunted, he has now turned to the grand design of a National Bibliography of Canada. He brings to this challenge some substantial credentials for he was the compiler and publisher of Montreal Book Auction Records, 1972; Contributions to a Short Title Catalogue of Canadiana, 1971-1973; and Contributions to a Dictionary of Canadian Pseudonyms, 1973. He has made a notable success of building collections at McGill, Queen's, and at this institution--to speak of three libraries with which I am familiar. He is much sought after for appraisals of rare books or Canadiana.

Bernard Amtmann died on January 9, 1979. His many friends and associates grieve his passing. The world of rare books and the region of Canadiana will be the lesser for his death.

Willard E. Ireland, who died on 27 January 1979, had been Provincial Librarian and Archivist of British Columbia from 1946 to 1974. During that period, Dr. Ireland held the position as President of the Bibliographical Society of Canada 1962-64. He held office in various library and historical associations including such positions as Past-President of the B.C. Library Association, the Canadian Library Association and the B.C. Historical



Association. He was awarded honorary doctorates from the University of Victoria and the University of British Columbia. From 1951-1971, Dr. Ireland served on the senior governing body of the University of Victoria.

Grace Sheldon Lewis, who died in November, 1978 in Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, had been a member of the Bibliographical Society of Canada since 1948, and served as Councillor from 1958-61. She held the position of Librarian with the Dominion Bureau of Statistics from 1920-1950. An untiring woman, Grace Sheldon Lewis continued her involvement in many professional associations after her retirement to Yarmouth, where she wrote a regular column "Library Notes" in the Yarmouth Vanguard, and continued to contribute articles to various publications.

Beverly Sandover-Sly died 13 August 1977, but regrettably notice of her death was not received until November, 1978. A member of the Bibliographical Society of Canada since 1954, Beverly Sandover-Sly joined the staff of Toronto Public Library, and was head of the Wychwood Branch from 1957 until forced by illness to retire.

#### New Members

It is with pleasure that the Bibliographical Society of Canada welcomes the following new members:

Legislature Library of Alberta, 216 Legislature Building, Edmonton,  
Alberta. T5K 2B6  
Universite d'Ottawa, Bibliotheque Morisset, Ottawa, Ont. K1N 9A5  
Clark, Mrs. Jane, 37 Anderson Ave., Toronto, Ont. M5P 1H5  
Harrison, Mrs. Alice W., Librarian, Atlantic School of Theology,  
640 Franklyn St., Halifax, N.S. B3H 3B5  
Hubbertz, Andrew, Collection Development Library, University of  
Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W0  
Lewis, Mrs. Georgina, 9527 - 81st St., Edmonton, Alta. T6C 2W5  
McAuley, Mrs. D., 86 Greenhill Drive, Peterborough, Ont. K9J 6G4  
Stone, Ms. Patricia E., 136 Stratford Cres., Toronto, Ont. M4N 1C8  
Wiebe, Victor G., Library, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon,  
Sask. S7N 0W0

#### Upcoming Events of Interest

##### I An Introduction to Carto-Bibliographical Description

"An Introduction to Carto-Bibliographical Description" is the title of a course to be given by Dr. Coolie Verner at the University of Toronto from May 16-19, 1979. This is the first course in North America on analytical carto-bibliography and will provide an introduction to the procedures employed in research and to the rules for preparing detailed descriptions of early printed maps. This will include a study of the elements that must be included in a description as well as the analysis of changes to a map plate during its use. These factors will be applied to maps



printed from woodblocks, copperplates and lithography. Participants will also spend time studying, analyzing and describing specific maps. The cost of the course is \$150.00 and the size of the class is limited to 25 participants.

Preference will be given to applicants already working in the field.

For further information, please contact:

The School of Continuing Studies,  
University of Toronto,  
158 St. George Street,  
Toronto, Ontario. M5S 2V8  
(416) 978-2400

II Books, Manuscripts, and the History of Medicine: A Symposium on the 50th Anniversary of the Osler Library, McGill University 29 May, 1979

Sir William Osler successfully united as few others have done, interests in libraries, bibliography and the history of medicine. He actively participated in the early years of the Medical Library Association and was in his seventh year as President of the Bibliographical Society (London) in 1919. His large collection of material relating to the history of medicine was bequeathed to McGill University, and it is to mark the 50th anniversary of Osler's bequest to McGill University and the 75 or so years since the collection was begun that a symposium will be held to examine the inter-related aspects of history of medicine, medical libraries and bibliography. The participants in this symposium include Estelle Brodmar, Washington University School of Medicine; Richard Durlens, Institut für Geschichte der Medizin und Pharmazie der Christian-Albrechts - Universität, Kiel; Eric Freeman, Wellcome Institute, London; Charles G. Roland, McMaster University, Hamilton; and G. Thomas Tanselle, Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, New York. For further information, contact Philip M. Teigen, History of Medicine Librarian, Osler Library, 3655 Drummond Street, Montreal, Quebec. H3G 1Y6; phone (514) 392-4329.

Reports of Upcoming and Recently Held Meetings

INDEXING AND ABSTRACTING SOCIETY OF CANADA  
1979 ANNUAL MEETING - JUNE 18, 1979  
VICTORIA BUILDING, 140 WELLINGTON STREET, 5TH FLOOR

The second annual meeting of the Indexing and Abstracting Society of Canada will be held under the auspices of the Library of Parliament on Monday, June 18, 1979 (note: the date of the meeting was recently changed from June 19, 1979). The theme of the one-day meeting is "Indexing of Federal-Provincial Legislative Documents".

The morning session will be devoted to papers on commercial indexing services and their coverage of federal-provincial government documents, and on the services established by the federal government for the indexing of its own legislative documents. During the afternoon four papers will be presented, on a regional basis, on the services established by provincial governments for the indexing of their respective legislative documents.



Speakers include Catherine Pross, Richard Woodley, Katie Parker, W. G. Stiles, Eric Swanick, Bernard Charbonneau and Mance Carbery.

The meeting is open to non-members of the IASC and copies of the detailed, annotated programme will be available at the meeting. For further information contact: Peter E. Greig, IASC Annual Meeting Coordinator, P.O. Box 2563, Station D, Ottawa (ON) K1P 5W6 - (613) 233-6391 (home); (613) 995-3364 (office).

#### COMMITTEE ON BIBLIOGRAPHICAL SERVICES FOR CANADA

The seventh meeting of the Committee on Bibliographical Services for Canada, chaired by Dr. Frances G. Halpenny, was held at the National Library of Canada on April 18, 1979. Major items of discussion included plans for a special meeting to promote the value and needs of bibliographical work in Canada, which will be convened by the Committee at the 1979 Learned Societies Conference in May; the Committee's continuing investigation of the funding of bibliographical activity; and its past and proposed research into the training and education available for bibliographical work in Canada. The Committee is preparing an information kit on bibliographical work in Canada, including statements on its own work in this area, for distribution at the Learned Societies and other conferences in 1979. Professor Anne B. Piternick, Canadian Library Association representative on the Committee, presented an interim report on funding aspects of Canadian bibliographical activity entitled "Responsibility in Canadian Bibliography"; a limited number of copies of this report are available from the Committee Secretariat. For further information, and to obtain copies of the Digest of Minutes of the Committee's seventh meeting and the forthcoming information kit, write to the Committee on Bibliographical Services for Canada Secretariat, National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington St, Ottawa (ON) K1A 0N4.

#### Project Reports and Bibliographies in Progress

##### Canadian Bibliographies and the BCB

Peter E. Greig, Secretary, Committee on Bibliographical Services for Canada, and BCB-3 Editor, has submitted the following report:

Bibliographers, librarians and publishers are urged to send reports of current work in progress and recently issued bibliographical publications, including indexes and abstracts, to: The Secretary, Committee on Bibliographical Services for Canada, National Library of Canada, 395 Wellington St, Ottawa (ON) K1A 0N4.

An inventory of work in progress, fully accessible by subject, compiler and project title, is maintained for the convenience of compilers and researchers and to control unnecessary duplication. The inventory was undertaken by the Committee's Secretariat in response to the need for information on bibliographical activity in Canada, as expressed in the recommendations of the National Conference on the State of Canadian Bibliography (Vancouver, 1974). A preliminary version of the inventory was first distributed at the third colloquium of the Bibliographical Society of Canada in October 1978. Colloquium participants requested that



the inventory be updated and published on a regular basis. A revised edition of the inventory will be produced to coincide with the May 1979 meetings of the Learned Societies; at the same time, the text of the inventory will be made available to any association or group wishing to reproduce it. Copies of Canadian Bibliographical Work in Progress: A Preliminary Subject Inventory (Ottawa, 1978. 17 p.) may still be obtained from the Committee's Secretariat.

As work in progress is published, an annotated record is created for inclusion in the third edition of the Bibliography of Canadian Bibliographies (BCB) being prepared for publication by the Bibliographical Society of Canada. The third entry will be briefly annotated to facilitate use of the work. Compilation of the core list, including materials published in the last nine years, is to be completed by October 1979 and final editing will take place while records are annotated and updated for publication. Following the publication of the BCB these records will be housed in the National Library of Canada.

#### Project for Historical Biobibliography

The Project for Historical Biobibliography (formerly Book Subscription Lists Project) at the School of Education, The University of Newcastle upon Tyne, has requested information relating to Canadian books published by subscription. Publication by subscription began in England in 1617 with John Minsheu's Ductor in Linguas and the directors of the Book Subscription Lists Project are attempting to locate all books published by this method since that time. A recent publication by the directors, F.J.G. Robinson and P.J. Wallis, entitled Book Subscription Lists: a revised guide (Harold Hill & Sons, 1975) lists 5,000 titles of books published by subscription representing the holdings of some 90 libraries. Included in this list is only one Canadian library (University of Toronto) and the directors hope that other Canadian libraries will now assist by providing copies of title pages and subscription lists found in Canadian imprints. Relevant information can be sent directly to Newcastle or to Susan Bellingham, University of Waterloo, for forwarding.

#### Bibliography of Secondary Sources in the History of Canadian Medicine and Health Care

Dr. Charles Roland, of McMaster University, is preparing a bibliography of secondary sources in the history of Canadian medicine and health care. The scope is intended to be as broad as possible: included will be theses and published material of any kind--journal articles, monographs, book chapters, pamphlets, etc. The bibliography is intended to encompass the entire time span of Canadian history, including references to aboriginal medicine; geographically, the present boundaries of Canada will circumscribe the boundaries of the project.

All of the common sources for references have been or will be consulted, including the complete runs of periodicals such as the Canadian Historical Review, L'Union Médicale Du Canada, the Canadian Medical Association Journal, the journals devoted to medical history, the various provincial historical journals, and similar periodicals. However, it is evident that much material has been published in less obvious sites; these would include articles in journals published outside Canada, contributions to the publications of local or regional historical societies, and journals, books, and book chapters for which the journal or book title is such as



to make it unlikely to be examined for references for such a bibliography. The purpose of this note is to request readers to submit full bibliographic details (and reprints or xerox copies if possible) of any items thought to be suitable. The aim of the project will be not only to provide a printed checklist, but also to store and cross-index all references so that pertinent information will be available to scholars on request. It is also intended that the project will be maintained and expanded continuously once the bulk of the data is on file.

Any items considered appropriate should be sent to:

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Hannah Professor of the History of Medicine  
3H56-HSC, McMaster University  
Hamilton, Ontario L8S 4J9

The following bibliographies in process are underway at

- 1) Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario
  - a) A catalogue of the First and Early Editions of the Works of Charles Dickens at Queen's University Library, being compiled by Ms. Darienne McAuley
  - b) A Bibliography of Canadiana Published in Britain to 1764, compiled by Dr. Freda Waldon and being revised and edited by Ms. Barbara de St. Rémy
  - c) A Catalogue of Eighteenth-Century British Political Pamphlets in the Gunn Collection at Queen's University Library, being compiled by Ms. J.A.W. Gunn.
- 2) York University, Downsview, Ontario
  - a) A bibliography of the works of A.J.M. Smith being compiled by Michael E. Darling.
- 3) Saskatchewan Provincial Library, Regina, Saskatchewan
  - a) The Bibliographic Services Division of the Provincial Library is preparing a bibliography on Saskatchewan to celebrate the Saskatchewan 1980 Diamond Jubilee Year. The bibliography will cover all known material published prior to 1979, and will be updated annually.

The Provincial Library will be pleased to receive a list of any of the following types of materials by Saskatchewan authors or about Saskatchewan: books, pamphlets, local histories, commissioned reports, theses and dissertations on Saskatchewan - related topics, and periodicals published in the province. To assist in the gathering of these materials the following definition may be used

"A person born in Saskatchewan or someone who has lived for some time in the province will be considered a Saskatchewan author".

For further information, contact  
Ved P. Arora, Head, Bibliographic Services Division,  
Saskatchewan Provincial Library, 1352 Winnipeg St,  
Regina, Canada S4P 3V7.



### Recent Publications

Notable Works and Collections. No. 6 June, 1978. Saskatoon: University of Saskatchewan Library. Semi-annual. No charge. This semi-annual publication is available, at no cost, from

Collection Development,  
University of Saskatchewan Library,  
University of Saskatchewan,  
Saskatoon, Sask. S7N 0W0.

### Recent Publications from the National Library of Canada/ Publications Récentes de la Bibliothèque Nationale du Canada

The publications in this list should be ordered from the Publishing Centre, Printing and Publishing, Supply and Services Canada, Ottawa (ON) KIA 0S9, or purchased through your local bookseller. All orders to Supply and Services Canada must be accompanied by a cheque or money order made payable to the Receiver General of Canada.

Toute publication ci-répertoriée doivent être commandée du Centre d'édition, Imprimerie et édition, Approvisionnement et Services Canada, Ottawa (ON) KIA 0S9, ou par l'entremise de libraires locaux. Toutes demandes envoyées aux Approvisionnement et Services Canada doivent être accompagnées d'un chèque ou mandat-poste payable au Receveur général du Canada.

Canada. Indian Rights Commission. Research Resource Centre/Canada. Commission des droits des Indiens. Centre de documentation et de l'aide de la recherche. Indian Claims in Canada: Supplementary Bibliography/Revendications des Indiens au Canada: bibliographie supplémentaire. Ottawa: National Library of Canada/Bibliothèque nationale du Canada, 1979. ISBN 0-660-50177-5; DSS Cat. No. SN3-109/1979; Canada, \$3.95; Other countries/autres pays, \$4.75 - note: the collection of the Indian Rights Commission has been deposited in the National Library of Canada/la collection de la Commission des droits des Indiens a été déposée dans la Bibliothèque nationale du Canada.

Canadian Subject Headings. Ottawa: National Library of Canada, 1979. ISBN 0-660-10148-3; DSS Cat. no. SN3-106/1978; Canada, \$9.95; Other countries, \$11.95

Morin, Cimon. Canadian Philately: Bibliography and Index, 1864-1973/Philatélie canadienne: bibliographie et index, 1864-1973. Ottawa: National Library of Canada/Bibliothèque nationale du Canada, 1979. ISBN 0-660-50175-9; DSS Cat no. SN3-108/1979; Canada, \$9.80; Other countries/autres pays, \$11.75

National Library of Canada. Collections Development Branch. Resources Survey Division. Research Collections in Canadian Libraries. II. Special Studies. Volume 6: Fine Arts Library Resources in Canada. Ottawa, 1979. 2 v. ISBN 0-660-10132-7; DSS Cat. no. SN3-45/6-1; Canada, \$26.00; Other countries, \$31.20 - l'édition française de cet ouvrage apparaîtra sous peu.

----- Council of Federal Libraries. Publications Series/Bibliothèque nationale du Canada. Conseil des bibliothèques du gouvernement fédéral. Collection des publications. Social Science and Humanities



Collections in Canadian Government Libraries, a Guide/Les collections des sciences sociales et humaines des bibliothèques fédérales du Canada, le guide du chercheur. Ottawa, 1978. ISBN 0-660-50132-5; DSS Cat. no. SN3-107/1978; Canada, \$5.50; Other countries/autres pays, \$6.60

----- Public Services Branch. Library Documentation Centre/Bibliothèque nationale du Canada. Direction des services au public. Centre de documentation sur les bibliothèques. Directory of Library Associations in Canada/Répertoire des associations des bibliothèques au Canada. 5th ed./5e ed. Ottawa, 1979. ISBN 0-660-50150-3; DSS Cat. no. SN3-33/1979; Canada, \$8.00; Other countries/autres pays, \$9.60

----- Union Catalogue of Serials Division/Bibliothèque nationale du Canada. Direction des services au public. Division du catalogue collectif des publications en série. Union List of Serials in Fine Arts in Canadian Libraries/Inventaire des publications en série dans le domaine des beaux-arts dans les bibliothèques canadiennes. Ottawa, 1978. ISBN 0-660-50131-7; DSS Cat. no. SN3-105/1978; Canada, \$11.25; Other countries/autres pays, \$13.50

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London, Ontario. N6A 3K7